

Department of Veterans Affairs

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	Rating
Note: Diagnosis of endometriosis must be substantiated by laparoscopy.	

¹Review for entitlement to special monthly compensation under § 3.350 of this chapter.

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THE HEMIC AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEMS

§ 4.117 Schedule of ratings—hemic and lymphatic systems.

	Rating
7700 Anemia, hypochromic-microcytic and megaloblastic, such as iron-deficiency and pernicious anemia:	
Hemoglobin 5gm/100ml or less, with findings such as high output congestive heart failure or dyspnea at rest	100
Hemoglobin 7gm/100ml or less, with findings such as dyspnea on mild exertion, cardiomegaly, tachycardia (100 to 120 beats per minute) or syncope (three episodes in the last six months)	70
Hemoglobin 8gm/100ml or less, with findings such as weakness, easy fatigability, headaches, lightheadedness, or shortness of breath	30
Hemoglobin 10gm/100ml or less with findings such as weakness, easy fatigability or headaches	10
Hemoglobin 10gm/100ml or less, asymptomatic	0
NOTE: Evaluate complications of pernicious anemia, such as dementia or peripheral neuropathy, separately.	
7702 Agranulocytosis, acute:	
Requiring bone marrow transplant, or; requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every six weeks, or; infections recurring at least once every six weeks	100
Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once every three months	60
Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once per year but less than once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once per year but less than once every three months	30
Requiring continuous medication for control	10

Rating

NOTE: The 100 percent rating for bone marrow transplant shall be assigned as of the date of hospital admission and shall continue with a mandatory VA examination six months following hospital discharge. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter.

7703 Leukemia:	
With active disease or during a treatment phase	100
Otherwise rate as anemia (code 7700) or aplastic anemia (code 7716), whichever would result in the greater benefit.	

NOTE: The 100 percent rating shall continue beyond the cessation of any surgical, radiation, antineoplastic chemotherapy or other therapeutic procedures. Six months after discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate disability rating shall be determined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no recurrence, rate on residuals.

7704 Polycythemia vera:	
During periods of treatment with myelosuppressants and for three months following cessation of myelosuppressant therapy	100
Requiring phlebotomy	40
Stable, with or without continuous medication	10

NOTE: Rate complications such as hypertension, gout, stroke or thrombotic disease separately.

7705 Thrombocytopenia, primary, idiopathic or immune:	
Platelet count of less than 20,000, with active bleeding, requiring treatment with medication and transfusions	100
Platelet count between 20,000 and 70,000, not requiring treatment, without bleeding	70
Stable platelet count between 70,000 and 100,000, without bleeding	30
Stable platelet count of 100,000 or more, without bleeding	0
7706 Splenectomy	20

NOTE: Rate complications such as systemic infections with encapsulated bacteria separately.

	Rating
7707 Spleen, injury of, healed. Rate for any residuals.	
7709 Hodgkin's disease: With active disease or during a treatment phase	100
NOTE: The 100 percent rating shall continue beyond the cessation of any surgical, radiation, antineoplastic chemotherapy or other therapeutic procedures. Six months after discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate disability rating shall be determined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, rate on residuals.	
7710 Adenitis, tuberculous, active or inactive. Rate under §§ 4.88c or 4.89 of this part, whichever is appropriate.	
7714 Sickle cell anemia: With repeated painful crises, oc- curring in skin, joints, bones or any major organs caused by hemolysis and sickling of red blood cells, with anemia, thrombosis and infarction, with symptoms precluding even light manual labor	100
With painful crises several times a year or with symp- toms precluding other than light manual labor	60
Following repeated hemolytic sickling crises with con- tinuing impairment of health	30
Asymptomatic, established case in remission, but with identi- fiable organ impairment	10
NOTE: Sickle cell trait alone, without a history of directly attributable pathological findings, is not a ratable disability. Cases of symptomatic sickle cell trait will be forwarded to the Director, Compensation and Pension Service, for consideration under § 3.321(b)(1) of this chapter.	
7715 Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma: With active disease or during a treatment phase	100

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7716 Aplastic anemia: Requiring bone marrow trans- plant, or; requiring trans- fusion of platelets or red cells at least once every six weeks, or; infections recurring at least once every six weeks	100
Requiring transfusion of plate- lets or red cells at least once every three months, or; infec- tions recurring at least once every three months	60
Requiring transfusion of plate- lets or red cells at least once per year but less than once every three months, or; infec- tions recurring at least once per year but less than once every three months	30
Requiring continuous medica- tion for control	10
NOTE: The 100 percent rating for bone marrow transplant shall be assigned as of the date of hospital admission and shall continue with a mandatory VA examination six months following hospital discharge. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of § 3.105(e) of this chapter.	

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THE SKIN

§ 4.118 Schedule of ratings—skin.

	Rating
7800 Scars, disfiguring, head, face or neck: Complete or exceptionally repugnant deformity of one side of face or marked or repugnant bi- lateral disfigurement	50
Severe, especially if producing a marked and unsightly deformity of eyelids, lips, or auricles	30
Moderate; disfiguring	10
Slight	0